Implementation of multi-purpose National Identity Card by BEL

2426. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNIC) pilot project was handed over to Bharat Electronics Limited;

(b) if so, when will the project be completed; and

(c) what is the project cost and the terms and conditions for the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) For the purpose of implementing the Pilot Project on Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNIC) scheme, the Bharat Electronics Limited has been engaged by the Government as a System Integrator for few operations at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.28 crores which, *inter-alia*, includes the following:

(i) Creation of Population Register database in electronic format including data entry, transliteration in local language, data verification, validation, capture of photographs and finger biometrics of persons above 15 years, integration of these data etc.

(ii) Providing professional service support for updating and modification in the Population Register for one year after operationalization of the MNIC centres including data entry of births and deaths, addition to the database for new entrants, integration etc.

(iii) Providing professional service support for maintenance of MNIC centres for one year in respect of computer equipment, software, generation of various reports etc.

(iv) Software development for above mentioned activities.

The estimated cost for implementation of Pilot Project is Rs. 30.00 crores and it is expected to be completed by March, 2006.

Reforming the functioning of Police

†2427. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Police is still working under the 1861 Act formulated by the Britishers;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.